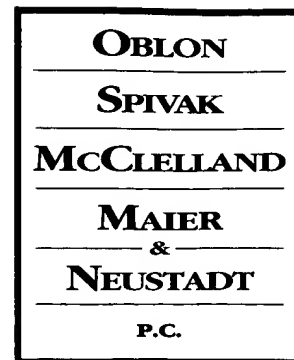




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The “examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance,” included under the heading “Allowable Subject Matter,” on page 2 attached to the “Notice of Allowability” (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the “Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due” mailed September 24, 2004, is mistaken as to the subject matter of all the allowed claims.

In this regard, the statement asserts that the claims are all being interpreted to recite “a holder provided with electrodes for electrical wiring to a light emission source and a deflection unit and configured for holding a moveable portion of the deflection unit, and a sealing substrate provided together with the holder in a piled relationship, and the light emission source and the movable portion of the deflection unit are enveloped to be tight-closed between the holder and the sealing structure.”

Applicants note that while the subject matter recited by independent Claims 5, 39, 73 and 76 is at least similar to that noted in the above quoted examiner’s statement, this subject matter is still different. Note, for example, that Claim 5 recites a “stacked relationship,” not

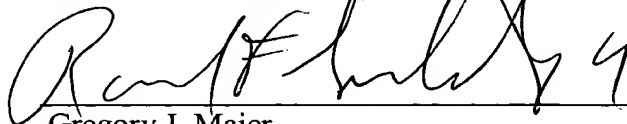
the noted "piled relationship" of the statement and it further recites that this "stacked relationship" is "configured to envelop and seal the light emission source and the movable portion of the deflection unit therebetween," with no mention of anything being "tight-closed between the holder and the sealing structure." Also note, for example, that Claims 39, 73, and 76 all recite "the holder and the sealing substrate together being configured to envelop and seal the light emission source and the movable portion of the deflection unit," with no mention of anything being "tight-closed between the holder and the sealing structure" as in the statement.

Independent Claims 1, 16, 26, 52, 65, 67, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, and 77 all include recitations of subject matter with far greater differences from the above noted subject matter of the above-noted quoted examiner's statement. Note, for example, the "exterior facing abutment portion configured to be brought into abutment with an exterior mounting member outside of the optical scan module" language of independent Claims 1, 26, 72, and 75 and the lack of any "holder" being recited by Claims 16, 52, 65, 67, 69, 71, 74, and 77.

Accordingly, the "examiner's statement of reasons for allowance," included under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter," on page 2 attached to the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" mailed September 24, 2004, is clearly in error and should be withdrawn.

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